(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to avoid this kind of incident in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOMEAFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The reported incident took palce on 15th March, 2000, when a student of Air Force Bal Bharti School, Lodhi Colony was hit by a stray bullet on his neck. A case was registered on the same day at Lodhi Colony Police Station and investigation has been taken up.

(c) The patrolling in the area especially during school hours has been intensified.

Border security posts of VHP

5514. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Vishva Hindu Parishad has announced to set up securty out-posts along the International borders;

(b) if so, whether it is being done with the permission of the Central Government; and

(c) if not, whether any voluntary organisation can put up such border out-posts without the consent of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOMEAFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Only the security forces are authorised to set up border out posts in border areas wherever required.

Retaining of special status to displaced Kashmiris

†5515. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the special status given to displaced kashmiris is being withdrawn;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) ©the action being taken to retain the special status of :hese persons as the State of Jammu and Kashmir does not consider them its citizens after they have remained out of the State for ten years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOMEAFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) No, Sir. As intimated by the Governmen* of J&K, the issue regarding return of Kashmiri migrants is on top of its agenda and they are in the process of finalising an action pan for early and safe return of the migrants to the Valley Separately, a social interaction programme has been initiated under which some migrants have visited the Valley so as to pave the way for return to the Valley.

Task force escalates naxalite violence

†5516. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Ministe- of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that naxalite violence has increased heavily after constitution of task force to stop it;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the extent of area affected by the naxalite violence and naxalite influence has also increased these days;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is correct that the number of naxalities died in fake encounter has also increased; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER CF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOMEAFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Coordination Centre was set up in June 1998 comprising the Union Home Secretary and the Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the affected States. The Coordination Centre continues to assist the States and monitors the situation periodically. The overall law and order situation is under control.

(d) and (e) There are no reports to this effect.

Deployment of Assam rifles in NE

5517. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam Rifles is deploying five Companies in every battalion for counter insurgency operation in Manipur; and

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